

**State Water Infrastructure Authority
Meeting Date – January 15, 2015**

**Agenda Item G – Review of Recent Applications to CWSRF, DWSRF & CDBG-I Programs and
Discussion of Potential Priority Criteria Changes for Fall 2015 Applications**

Division of Water Infrastructure Staff Report

Background

Over the past year, the State Water Infrastructure Authority has reviewed and discussed the application priority criteria that are used in the evaluation of applications to the five programs administered by the Division of Water Infrastructure: CWSRF, DWSRF, CDBG-I, and the State Reserve programs which include the State Wastewater Reserve and the State Drinking Water Reserve grants.

On several occasions in 2014, Division staff have proposed and the Authority has approved relatively minor changes to the priority criteria in order to better align the funding programs and also to meet federal and state requirements for the programs as they have changed.

In 2015, staff proposes to take a fresh look at the criteria across all the programs. Staff is seeking Authority input and feedback as to what changes in criteria may be most beneficial to help align the programs and ensure that funds are used in a coordinated manner.

Staff proposes that any changes would be in place for the Fall 2015 funding application round for all five programs.

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to begin to discuss the criteria that drive the funding decisions in each program and potential changes to those criteria. To begin the discussion, staff will present charts of graphical information gleaned from the April and October 2014 funding rounds. Staff has examined, by program, the criteria that most influence the score of a project and its chances of being funded. The charts for this agenda item include:

- CWSRF – A total of 4 charts for the April and October 2014 funding rounds
- DWSRF – 3 charts for the October 2014 funding round (the October round was prioritized based on priority criteria rather than the previous ready-to-proceed model)
- CDBG-I – 5 charts for the October 2014 funding round

Goal

Staff is seeking Authority feedback and discussion to shape potential changes to criteria.
